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The reply brief filed 12/10/2003 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Appellant request for an Oral Hearing before the Board of Appeals and Interferences is hereby acknowledged, and forwarded to the Board.

The examiner requests the opportunity to present arguments at the oral hearing.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg whose telephone number is 703/308-2634. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

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